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1. IN DISCUSSIONS OVER THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS WITH PROF. WALLACE FARNHAM, THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN ABLE TO APPRISE HIM SPECIFICALLY OF THE PROPOSED ACTIVITIES OF ASC. PROF. FARNHAM HAS ALSO MET WITH PROF. GIEYSZTOR DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE OF HISTORY AT WARSAW UNIVERSITY, AND HE WILL MEET JANUARY 17 WITH WARSAW UNIVERSITY VICE RECTOR KALUZYSKI IN AN EFFORT FURTHER TO INFORM HIMSELF CONCERNING THE ASC. PROF. FARNHAM HAS NOW INDICATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO PURSE THE QUESTION OF HIS BECOMING THE DIRECTOR OF THE ASC FOR THE 1975/76 ACADEMIC YEAR. THE QUESTION OF FARNHAM BECOMING THE ASC DIRECTOR AND THUS BROADENING THE BASE OF SUPPORT FOR THE ASC TO INCLUDE ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY SHOULD DEFINITELY BE PURSUED.

2. THE EMBASSY HAS MADE CONFIDENTIAL INQUIRIES CONCERNING GUNDERSON TO WILES WHO INDICATES THAT GUNDERSON, WHO HE STATES HE DOES NOT KNOW WELL, IS NOT A PARTICULARLY DYNAMIC INDIVIDUAL. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT HE IS NOT THE TYPE OF INDIVIDUAL NEEDED, AT LEAST INITIALLY, TO DIRECT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ASC.

3. WILES HAS BEEN ABLE TO MAKE LITTLE PROGRESS SINCE HIS ARRIVAL ON JANUARY 3 BECAUSE WARSAW UNIVERSITY HAS NOT YET RECEIVED FORMAL APPROVAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ASC

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FROM THE MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY.

THE CAO CALLED ON VICE RECTOR KALUZYNSKI YESTERDAY CONCERN-
ING THIS MATTER. KALUZYNSKI INDICATED THAT THE DELAY HAS ARISEN
DUE TO THE HESITANCY OF NEW PERSONNEL AT THE MINISTRY. THE
MINISTER AND TWO VICE MINISTERS, INCLUDING VICE MINISTER KASPRZYK,
WHO HAD BEEN IN CAHARGE OF UNIVERSITIES AND WITH WHOM CU/EE DIRECTOR
RICHMOND MET DURING HIS RECENT VISIT, WERE REMOVED FROM OFFICE
LATE IN DECEMBER.

4. VICE MINISTER KASPRZYK HAS NOT YET BEEN REPLACED AND THUS
THERE IS NO ONE AVAILABLE AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS IN THE MINISTRY
WHO IS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MATTER. THE CAO AND WILES
WILL CALL ON THE VICE DIRECTOR IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL
COOPERATION JANUARY 17 IN AN EFFORT TO SPEED UP THE APPROVAL FOR
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ASC.
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